

MAYOR PEREZ PRAISES THE MASTER'S SCHOOL FOR RAISING SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS FOR HARTFORD STUDENTS

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WHERE: Westledge Road, West Simsbury

Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez and The Master's School are formally announcing a partnership in conjunction with the Mayor's Private School Initiative. This is to provide Hartford families with additional educational options in order to increase the number of Hartford youngsters who graduate from college.

Mayor Perez says, "19 Independent Schools are now on board. This is another way to show how Hartford is raising the standard of education for all of its students. By adding The Master's School to our growing list of private schools that are working with the City of Hartford, we are increasing the opportunities for our youngsters to graduate from college. A college education would increase their future earning potential, and it is our hope that these young people will then reinvest their skills back into their communities."

Mayor Perez goes on to say, "The Private School Initiative is in addition to strengthening our public school curriculum and enhancing our already competitive Magnet Schools."

Connecticut is rich with some of the best private schools in the world. Studies show that 99% of the students who attend these private institutions for learning get into college and are four times more likely to complete a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

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